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SUBJECT: DUAL NATIONALITY PROBLEMS IN COMMUNIST STATES

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1. THE EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE AS MANY AS 2,500 UNITED STATES CITIZEN DUAL NATIONALS LIVING IN YUGOSLAVIA, ALMOST ALL OF WHOM ARE NOW DOCUMENTED AS U.S. CITIZENS. MOST OF THEM ARE ELDERLY RETIRED PERSONS WHO HAVE RETURNED TO YUGOSLAVIA TO LIVE OUT THEIR REMAINING DAYS AND DO NOT WISH TO GO BACK TO THE U.S. EXCEPT PERHAPS FOR PERIODIC VISITS.

2. AT ANY GIVEN TIME THERE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THESE DUAL NATIONALS NOT ABLE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, USALLY BECAUSE THEY ARE IN PRISON, SERVING IN THE ARMY, UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE GOY FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. ETC.

3. THERE ARE NO SPECIAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ADJUDICATING CASES IN YUGOSLAVIA.

4. MOST DUAL NATIONALS RESIDING IN YUGOSLAVIA WILL HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS "RETURNING RESIDENTS" BY YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES AND WILL HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AN IDENTITY CARD (LICNA CARTA). ONCE A LICNA CARTA HAS BEEN ISSUED, THE PERSON WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DEPART THE COUNTRY UNTIL HE/SHE APPLIES FOR AND
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RECEIVES A YUGOSLAV PASSPORT. HOLDERS OF YUGOSLAV PASSPORTS

ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN EXIT VISAS OR PERMITS.

5. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN TRAVEL, NO EXIT VISA PROBLEMS, NO EXCESSIVE FEES OR INORDINATE DELAYS CAUSED BY GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS WHICH HINDER OR PREVENT THE DEPARTURE OF DUAL NATIONALS.

6. EMBASSY BELGRADE'S BIGGEST PROBLEM CONCERNING DUAL NATIONALS IS DENIAL OF COUNSULAR ACCESS IN ARREST CASES WHICH IS BEYOND PPT/F'S PRESENT STUDY.
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